

(18.3) Under the same assumption as above, what amount of damage will be caused by cosmic radiation? Assume that the cosmic particles produce  $3 \cdot 10^9$  ion pairs  $\text{s}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$  of the body.

Constants and units (standard man is 70 kg):

$$\begin{aligned} eV &:= 1.602137 \cdot 10^{-19} \cdot \text{joule} & Bq &:= \text{sec}^{-1} & M_w &:= 10^5 \cdot \text{gm} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1} & t_{irr} &:= 1 \cdot \text{yr} \\ w_{pair} &:= 38 \cdot eV & G_{value} &:= 3.1 \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot \text{mole} \cdot \text{joule}^{-1} & m_{body} &:= 70 \cdot \text{kg} \end{aligned}$$

Data given in the text:

$$Rate := 3 \cdot 10^9 \cdot Bq \cdot m^{-3}$$

Calculations:

$$\rho_{body} := 1 \cdot \text{gm} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3} \qquad v_{body} := \frac{m_{body}}{\rho_{body}}$$

$$P_{cosmic} := Rate \cdot w_{pair} \cdot v_{body} \qquad P_{cosmic} = 1.279 \cdot 10^{-9} \cdot \text{watt}$$

$$m_{damaged} := P_{cosmic} \cdot G_{value} \cdot t_{irr} \cdot M_w \qquad m_{damaged} = 1.25 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot \text{gm}$$

$$Fraction := \frac{m_{damaged}}{m_{body}} \qquad Fraction = 1.787 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

or

$$Fraction = 1.8 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot \%$$